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Notes:

(1) Statistics Canada estimate July 1
(2) Statistics Canada estimate July 1 - June 30
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a Actual
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Data Sources:

Population, Vital Statistics, Migration - Statistics Canada, Demographic Estimates Section, Quarterly Demographic Statistics, Catalogue No. 91-002

Labour Force - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey, monthly Catalogue No. 71-001-XIE; Labour Force Historical Review, Catalogue No. 71F0004XCB

Employment Insurance - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Employment Insurance Statistics, monthly

Consumer Price Index - Statistics Canada, Prices Division, The Consumer Price Index, Catalogue 62-001

Income (Personal Income per Capita, Total Wages & Salaries, Average Weekly Wages) - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB; Estimates of Labour Income, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13F0016; Employment, Earnings & Hours, monthly, Catalogue No. 72-002

Retail/Wholesale - Statistics Canada, Retail Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-005; New Motor Vehicle Sales, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-007; Wholesale Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-008

Commodity Sector - Statistics Canada, Farm Cash Receipts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 21-001; Sawmills & Planing Mills, monthly, Catalogue No. 35-003; Canada's Mineral Production, annual, Catalogue No. 26-202; Natural Gas Transportation and Distribution, monthly, Catalogue No. 55-002; Electric Power Statistics, monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Fisheries & Oceans Canada statistics, annual monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Shipments, CANSIM Tables 304-0014 and 304-0015; Canadian International Merchandise Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 65-001

Construction - Statistics Canada, Private and Public Investment in Canada, annual, Catalogue Nos. 61-205; Building Permits, monthly, Catalogue No.64-001; Canada Mortgage and Housing statistics, monthly/quarterly

Gross Domestic Product - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB

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		2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	2006	2007	2008	2007/2006	2008/2005
POPULATION	Oct 1/2009	936,113	937,434	940,397 p	0.1	0.3	938,010 (1)	935,889 (1)	936,585 (1)	(0.2)	0.1
MIGRATION*											
Total Net Migration	Jul-Sep/2009	(161)	514	1,934	--	--	233,164 (2)	2,232 (2)	-- (2)	--	--
Net Interprovincial	Jul-Sep/2009	(1,004)	(722)	320	--	--	(4126) (2)	(1794) (2)	(1255) (2)	--	--
Net International	Jul-Sep/2009	843	1,236	1,614	46.6	30.6	237,290 (2)	2,349 (2)	-- (2)	(99.0)	--
Immigration	Jul-Sep/2009	755	828	846	9.7	2.2	2,715 (2)	2,668 (2)	2377.0 (2)	(1.7)	--
Emigration	Jul-Sep/2009	(88)	(408)	(768)	363.6	88.2	1,177 (2)	625 (2)	(228.0) (2)	(46.9)	--
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Jul-Sep/2009	2,386	2,382	2,369	(0.2)	(0.5)	8,485	8,868	8,844	4.5	(0.3)
Deaths	Jul-Sep/2009	2,001	2,047	2,089	2.3	2.1	8,088	8,302	8,497	2.6	2.3
Marriages	Jul-Sep/2009	2,389	2,389	2,376	0.0	(0.5)	4,513	4,463	4,459	(1.1)	(0.1)
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Nov-09	489.2	492.1	502.3	0.6	2.1	480.0	486.7	491.0	1.4	0.9
Employed ('000)	Nov-09	450.0	453.6	454.8	0.8	0.3	441.8	447.6	453.2	1.3	1.3
Goods Industries ('000)	Nov-09	89.9	92.5	89.5	2.9	(3.2)	85.7	88.2	92.6	2.9	5.0
Service Industries ('000)	Nov-09	360.0	361.2	365.3	0.3	1.1	356.2	359.4	360.6	0.9	0.3
Unemployment ('000)	Nov-09	39.2	38.5	47.5	(1.8)	23.4	38.1	39.1	37.8	2.6	(3.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov-09	8.0	7.8	9.5	--	--	7.9	8.0	7.7	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	Nov-09	63.9	63.9	64.9	--	--	62.9	63.7	63.9	--	--
Employment Rate (%)	Nov-09	58.8	58.9	58.8	--	--	57.9	58.6	59.0	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Nov-09	448.4	452.4	454.2	0.9	0.4	441.8	447.6	453.2	1.3	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov-09	7.8	7.7	9.1	--	--	7.9	8.0	7.7	--	--

* Emigration = (Emigrants + Net Temporary Emigrants) - (Returning Emigrants + Net Non-Permanent Residents or NPRs)
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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Oct-09	32,440	33,450	39,480	3.1	18.0	40,180 [3]	38,869 [3]	38,964 [3]	(3.3)	0.2
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	Oct-09	51,191	48,853	55,589	(4.6)	13.8	723,506	725,469	736,363	0.3	1.5
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)											
Nova Scotia											
All-Items	Nov-09	113.5	115.0	117.0	1.3	1.7	110.4	112.5	115.9	1.9	3.0
Food	Nov-09	115.4	122.9	125.8	6.5	2.4	110.9	114.5	119.2	3.2	4.1
Shelter	Nov-09	119.8	124.9	124.2	4.3	(0.6)	115.4	117.2	125.5	1.6	7.1
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	2008	29,484	30,924	32,054	4.9	3.7	29,484	30,924	32,054	4.9	3.7
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-Sep/2009	11,280	11,844	12,030	5.0	1.6	14,584,265	15,149,913	15,846,623	3.9	4.6
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	Oct-10	693.12	725.01	735.05	4.6	1.4	674.7	695.8	713.9	3.1	2.6
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE*											
All Retail Outlets s.a. ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	10,646.2	11,173.9	10,061.7	5.0	(10.0)	11,162.5	11,636.1	12,130.8	4.2	4.3
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	1,170.7	1,233.0	1,202.3	5.3	(2.5)	1,351.5	1,372.1	1,403.0	1.5	2.3
Wholesale Trade s.a. ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	5,617.3	5,909.6	5,836.7	5.2	(1.2)	6,588.5	6,759.6	7,106.5	2.6	5.1

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jul-Sep/2009	114.5	114.0	115.4	(0.4)	1.2	472.6	456.8	474.6	(3.3)	3.9
Fish Landings ($ millions)	2008	656.7	599.2	611.4	(8.8)	2.0	656.7	599.2	661.4	(8.8)	--
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Oct/2009	1,052.5	717.7	444.2	(31.8)	(38.1)	1,400.7	1,224.8	816.9	(12.6)	(33.3)
Mineral Production* ($ millions)	2008	322.9	327.7	340.2 p	1.5	3.8	322.9	327.7	340.2 p	1.5	3.8
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Oct/2009	10,276.7	10,096.9	N/A	(1.7)	N/A	11,425.3	12,513.9	12,164.4	9.5	(2.8)
Manufacturing Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	8,176.6	9,137.5	7,590.6	11.8	(16.9)	9,558.5	9,838.2	10,638.0	2.9	8.1
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	--	4,821	3,476	--	(27.9)	5,194.0	5,451.0	5,744.0	4.9	5.4
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	--	7,100	5,475	--	(22.9)	7,527.0	7,466.0	8,417.0	(0.8)	12.7
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction Expenditures ($ millions)	2009	3,865.3	4,373.4 pa	4,513.5 i	13.1	3.2	3,951.9	3,865.3	4,373.4 pa	(2.2)	13.1
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	1,133.6	1,145.1	1,173.4	1.0	2.5	1,291.4	1,288.9	1,326.7	(0.2)	2.9
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-Nov/2009	3,083	3,144	2,587	2.0	(17.7)	3,328	3,320	3,326	(0.2)	0.2
Completions (units)	Jan-Nov/2009	2,494	3,488	2,866	39.9	(17.8)	2,856	2,980	3,805	4.3	27.7
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-Sep/2009	3,535	3,106	2,551	(12.1)	(17.9)	4,896	4,750	3,982	(3.0)	(16.2)
Completions (units)	Jan-Sep/2009	2,720	2,959	2,501	8.8	(15.5)	4,455	4,454	4,629	(0.0)	3.9
Under Construction (units)	Jan-Sep/2009	10,453	10,272	7,823	(1.7)	(23.8)	12,289	14,085	13,191	14.6	(6.3)
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained 2002 $ millions)	2008	28,254	28,598	29,215	1.2	2.2	28,254	28,598	29,215	1.2	2.2

* Excludes oil and gas.

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POPULATION	Oct 1 /2009	33,055,759	33,462,627	33,873,357	1.2	1.2	32,576,074 (1)	32,931,956 (1)	33,327,337 (1)	1.1	1.2
MIGRATION*											
Total Net Migration	Jul-Sep/2009	13,639	2,460	12,249	(82.0)	397.9	228,138 (2)	262,852 (2)	277,682 (2)	15.2	--
Immigration	Jul-Sep/2009	71,657	71,312	75,384	(0.5)	5.7	238,125 (2)	249,621 (2)	245,275 (2)	4.8	--
Emigration	Jul-Sep/2009	58,018	68,852	63,135	18.7	(8.3)	9,987 (2)	(13,231) (2)	(32,407) (2)	(232.5)	--
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Jul-Sep/2009	97,435	99,504	100,953	2.1	1.5	354,617	367,864	374,595	3.7	1.8
Deaths	Jul-Sep/2009	55,595	56,624	57,910	1.9	2.3	228,079	235,941	240,961	3.4	2.1
Marriages	Jul-Sep/2009	70,245	70,137	71,990	(0.2)	2.6	147,084	148,296	148,831	0.8	0.4
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Nov-09	18,099.9	18,302.2	18,448.0	1.1	0.8	17,592.8	17,945.8	18,245.1	2.0	1.7
Employed ('000)	Nov-09	17,027.5	17,131.4	16,873.9	0.6	(1.5)	16,484.3	16,866.4	17,125.8	2.3	1.5
Goods Industries ('000)	Nov-09	3,992.9	4,010.0	3,714.5	0.4	(7.4)	3,985.9	3,993.0	4,021.3	0.2	0.7
Service Industries ('000)	Nov-09	13,034.6	13,121.4	13,159.4	0.7	0.3	12,498.4	12,873.5	13,104.5	3.0	1.8
Unemployment ('000)	Nov-09	1,072.4	1,170.8	1,574.2	9.2	34.5	1,108.4	1,079.4	1,119.3	(2.6)	3.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov-09	5.9	6.4	8.5	--	--	6.3	6.0	6.1	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	Nov-09	67.8	67.6	67.2	--	--	67.2	67.6	67.8	--	--
Employment Rate (%)	Nov-09	63.8	63.3	61.4	--	--	63.0	63.5	63.6	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Nov-09	17,009.9	17,117.8	16,924.1	0.6	(1.1)	16,484.3	16,866.4	17,125.8	2.3	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov-09	5.6	6.2	8.0	--	--	6.3	6.0	6.1	--	--

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Oct-09	602,100	646,720	919,540	7.4	42.2	761,747 [3]	733,770	750,343 [#]	(3.7)	2.3
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	Oct-09	965,344	1,033,112	1,459,424	7.0	41.3	14,499,004	14,561,875	15,033,300	0.4	3.2
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)											
Canada											
All-Items	Nov-09	111.9	114.1	115.2	2.0	1.0	109.1	111.5	114.1	2.2	2.3
Food	Nov-09	111.3	119.5	121.5	7.4	1.7	108.9	111.8	115.7	2.7	3.5
Shelter	Nov-09	118.8	123.4	121.3	3.9	(1.7)	113.1	116.9	122.0	3.4	4.4
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	2008	33,957	35,550	36,804	4.7	3.5	33,789	35,533	36,862	5.2	3.7
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-Sep/2009	512,244	540,064	539,905	5.4	(0.0)	645,922,941	687,244,881	721,957,300	6.4	5.1
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	Oct-09	794.39	818.36	831.17	3.0	1.6	755.4	788.0	810.5	4.3	2.9
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE*											
All Retail Outlets s.a. ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	376,549.2	392,965.3	342,593.1	4.4	(12.8)	389,485.1	412,037.3	426,046.7	5.8	3.4
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	45,609.8	44,984.5	39,840.6	(1.4)	(11.4)	53,966.3	53,676.9	51,565.5	(0.5)	(3.9)
Wholesale Trade s.a. ($millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	430,867.0	445,272.7	407,949.1	3.3	(8.4)	490,504.3	517,087.6	532,487.1	5.4	3.0

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jul-Sep/2009	10,062.3	11,445.9	10,099.1	13.8	(11.8)	36,954.8	40,745.5	45,973.3	10.3	12.8
Fish Landings ($ millions)	2008	1,856.2	1,887.6	1,847.0	1.7	(2.2)	1,856.2	1,887.6	1,847.0	1.7	--
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Oct/2009	62,146.3	49,230.3	37,829.0	(20.8)	(23.2)	80,870.4	72,042.6	57,250.1	(10.9)	(20.5)
Mineral Production* ($ millions)	2008	34,233.1 r	40,522.0	45,277.8 p	18.4	11.7	34,233.1 r	40,522.0	45,277.8 p	18.4	11.7
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Oct/2009	495,017.1	496,849.6	N/A	0.4	N/A	585,097.5	603,572.4	601,719.3	3.2	(0.3)
Manufacturing Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	507,655.8	510,771.2	410,324.7	0.6	(19.7)	605,526.9	602,413.8	598,217.1	(0.5)	(0.7)
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	--	410,495	297,553	--	(27.5)	440,364	450,699	483,576	2.3	7.3
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	--	363,715	302,903	--	(16.7)	396,773	406,988	433,485	2.6	6.5
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures ($ millions)	2009	214,226.8	231,057.3 ps	220,279.5	7.9	(4.7)	195,762.9	214,226.8	231,057.3 ps	9.4	7.9
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2009	63,610.7	62,023.7	49,954.4	(2.5)	(19.5)	66,265.8	74,379.7	70,437.4	12.2	(5.3)
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-Nov/2009	182,585	176,882	118,095	(3.1)	(33.2)	195,030	193,742	187,370	(0.7)	(3.3)
Completions (units)	Jan-Nov/2009	160,942	176,122	143,989	9.4	(18.2)	183,778	176,379	191,641	(4.0)	8.7
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-Sep/2009	173,169	163,989	102,504	(5.3)	(37.5)	227,395	228,343	211,056	0.4	(7.6)
Completions (units)	Jan-Sep/2009	153,075	155,146	131,377	1.4	(15.3)	215,947	208,889	214,137	(3.3)	2.5
Under Construction (units)	Jan-Sep/2009	557,784	588,336	481,715	5.5	(18.1)	691,484	755,820	774,273	9.3	2.4
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained 2002 $ millions)	Jul-Sep/2009	1,321,806	1,325,452	1,283,227	2.8	(1.0)	1,283,419	1,315,907	1,321,360	2.5	0.4

* Excludes oil and gas.